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Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:31:53 PM
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Just an FYI on fallout from the Meyer Ranch Case from last year.

From: Keteles, Kristen
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:20 PM
To: Hopkins, Yvette <Hopkins.Yvette@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Meyer case questions

Laurianne is waiting to hear back from R8 Public Affairs. I thought OPP should be aware of the "Save the Buffalo" press release.

From: Jackson, Laurianne
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Madigan, Andrea <Madigan.Andrea@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Meyer case questions

FYI—In addition to today's news articles (attached), Rich sent me the attached press release (save the buffalo). EPA will probably need to respond. I am waiting to connect with Rich.

AP article as well. http://www.capijournal.com/news/hundreds-of-buffalo-quarantined-because-of-poison/article_65a70cc2-e1f0-11e6-9063-cbf93edab6b.html

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Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 9:07 AM
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Subject: FW: Meyer case questions

Fyi, just now reading the attached release.

From: Mutter, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:51 AM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Meyer case questions

Rich,
Are you tracking this action? Thoughts?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Martinez, Jeffrey" <Martinez.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
Date: January 24, 2017 at 08:31:51 MST
To: "Mutter, Andrew" <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Cc: "Ehrig, Lance" <Ehrig.Lance@epa.gov>, "Amon, Tyler" <Amon.Tyler@epa.gov>, "Youngberg, Jennifer" <Youngberg.Jennifer@epa.gov>, "Conger, Nick" <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>
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Andrew, I left you a Voice Mail/heads up, take a look at the pdf which references the article I forwarded yesterday. There is no mention of our role in an active criminal investigation. Our partner, a Standing Rock FIFRA inspector (Jake Luger), is getting calls about the matter and wants to know who to direct inquiries to. Thanks - Jeff

From: Vazquez, Alina
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Martinez, Jeffrey <Martinez.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Meyer case questions

Jeff,

Here is the e-mail from Jake Luger, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Thank you,

Alina

From: Jake Luger [<mailto:jluger@standingrock.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 7:37 AM

To: Vazquez, Alina <Vazquez.Alina@epa.gov>; Golden, David <Golden.David@epa.gov>

Subject: Meyer case questions

Alina/David,

This article was printed recently and now we are fielding calls about it, also attached is a BS release that came after the tribune article from this other organization looking for attention that we are getting phone calls from, is their someone we can direct them to for statements? Or how should I comment?

Jake

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/meyer-ranch-buffalo-under-quarantine-for-rozol-poison/article_7230182c-a174-51e2-88f8-b2977a936462.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share



For Immediate Release

PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING AND ADVISORY FOR STANDING ROCK

"Possible Chlorophacinone (ROZOL) dangerous rat poison exposure"

Cannonball, North Dakota, Jan. 23, 2017 – This public health warning and advisory for Standing Rock is being issued by us as a precaution to those who have passed through the camps in and around the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Water protectors (aka known as protesters) who have been camped out since April 1st, 2016 at the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe reservation area may have been unknowing exposed to a dangerous and toxic rat poison known as Chlorophacinone (ROZOL).

An article appeared in the Bismark Tribune below that has more details for the poisoning incident.

Meyer ranch buffalo under quarantine for ROZOL poison, LAUREN DONOVAN Bismarck Tribune, Jan 22, 2017. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/meyer-ranch-buffalo-under-quarantine-for-ROZOL-poison/article_7230182c-a174-51e2-88f8-b2977a936462.html

Some 350 indigenous nations and up to 20,000 people passed through the camps to protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline, setting up camps in various locations in and around the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation. Many people have come back from the camps reporting symptoms and illnesses of what is referred to as the DAPL cough, bloody noses, fatigue and some people have reported to have coughing up blood. -001

The 900 buffaloes at the David Meyer's former Cannonball Ranch near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation as well as on the former Wilder Ranch to the south have been under quarantine due to the illegal application of Chlorophacinone (ROZOL) until September of 2017. David and Ernie Fisher who shared a grazing lease on the same pesticide laced Cannonball Ranch had another herd of 600 animals on the same ranch. They reported having as many as 14 dead or missing animals, which they claimed were killed and eaten by the water protectors (protesters).

The article in the Bismark Tribune states, "The situation dates to April, when six dead bald eagles and dead bison were discovered at the former Wilder Ranch. An Environmental Protection Agency-led investigation found that 40,000 pounds of ROZOL poison had been illegally distributed across more than 5,400 acres on both ranches, according to EPA documents." Upon investigation by the EPA, the ranch had dead bald eagles, dead prairie dogs, and dead bison.

Chlorophacinone makes creatures that ingest it bleed from every orifice and stagger around for the

week or two or three it takes them to die, attracting predators and scavengers. Whatever eats the anticoagulant-laced victim dies, too. The creature's meat is unfit for human consumption and can cause blood clots. Highly toxic if it enters the food chain. Exposure to Chlorophacinone can come from skin contact of an infected animal, handling feces and urine, consuming the meat of the animal and direct contact with land and water contaminated with Chlorophacinone.

Even the feces from the animals are considered bio-hazard material. The effects of long term exposure of Chlorophacinone is unknown and there are no safe limits to having safe amounts of Chlorophacinone in your system after exposure.

"The EPA order for the cleanup was to : tilling of all misapplied ROZOL to ensure there is no longer any ROZOL on the surface of the pasture land or any other land;"

This means the 40,000 pounds of ROZOL poison was just to bury it in the soil, contaminating the water and soil around the ranches area. This means there was no real clean up of the contaminated land.

The adult buffalo are under quarantine until September 2017, though yearlings were released from the no-sale hold on Jan. 1, 2017. Upon calling the EPA, it was reported that 100 yearlings under quarantine until Jan 1, 2017 were sold on Jan 7, 2017 to unsuspecting buyers who might put the bison into the food chain. Beverly Fisher in the article says that none of these yearlings were ever under quarantine that was sold. The EPA reports that some of the bison sold were those under quarantine. Someone is not telling the truth here.

From the EPA docket Docket No. RCRA-8-2016 for the bison incident was dated April 22, 2016, just right after protests started for the Dakota Access Pipeline. The case is still under investigation.
[https://yosemite.epa.gov/OA/rhc/EPAAdmin.nsf/Filings/C1E7625EAD6A09A485257FA1001BC0C1/\\$File/RCRA-08-2016-0003%20AO.pdf](https://yosemite.epa.gov/OA/rhc/EPAAdmin.nsf/Filings/C1E7625EAD6A09A485257FA1001BC0C1/$File/RCRA-08-2016-0003%20AO.pdf)

About the Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign

The Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign is a campaign to create Buffalo Sanctuary Cooperatives to return and restore 250,000 buffaloes to their ancestral lands, starting with locations near the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

The Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign is headed by Mother Earth Trust, a sovereign that manages World Heritage Sanctuaries and also manages the World Basic Income Program.

The Save the Buffalo Nation Campaign is also supported by Free Nations United to Heal Our Mother Earth, a sovereign that manages Water is Life Unity Alliance that is supported by 20 indigenous nations and sovereigns.

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http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/meyer-ranch-buffalo-under-quarantine-for-rozol-poison/article_7230182c-a174-51e2-88f8-b2977a936462.html

Meyer ranch buffalo under quarantine for Rozol poison

LAUREN DONOVAN Bismarck Tribune Jan 21, 2017



TOM STROMME, TRIBUNE

A group of bison graze a native grassland pasture in the rolling hills of Cannonball Ranch in Morton County south of Mandan in Oc

Buffalo from the David Meyer ranches in North Dakota and South Dakota remain under quarantine following the illegal use of a poison used to kill prairie dogs.

The quarantine includes about 900 buffalo that grazed in one small pasture of Meyer's former Cannonball Ranch near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation as well as on the former Wilder Ranch to the south. The adult buffalo are under quarantine until September, though yearlings were released from the no-sale hold on Jan. 1.

The situation dates to April, when six dead bald eagles and dead bison were discovered at the former Wilder Ranch. An Environmental Protection Agency-led investigation found that 40,000 pounds of Rozol poison had been illegally distributed across more than 5,400 acres on both ranches, according to EPA documents.

Gregg Ryken, an auctioneer who sold 400 bison for top dollar Jan. 7 at a sale in nearby Selfridge, said he believes none of the animals belonged to Meyer, though one potential buyer said he held back from bidding because he couldn't be sure.

The sale was listed by Ernie and Beverly Fischer, of Selfridge, who, in the past, have leased Meyer's Cannonball Ranch for buffalo grazing and held a sale there a year ago. As recently as November, the Fischers told authorities 14 bison were missing or dead at the Cannonball Ranch, near where an anti-Dakota Access pipeline protest has been active since August.

The deaths of those bison continue to be investigated by North Dakota Stockmen's Association field man Steve Bay, a former Grant County sheriff. Bay said he believes all 14 were most likely butchered and their remains were found in the Cannonball Ranch pastures adjacent to the protest area west of N.D. Highway 1806. He said the dead bison belonged to both the Fischers and Meyer. Meyer did not return two calls for comment on this story.

David Kam, who's working with the indigenous Free Nations group to start a buffalo sanctuary with the neighboring Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, said he had donations to buy up to 17 animals at the Fischer sale, but he was worried about possible Rozol contamination.

Beverly Fischer said all the bison sold at the recent auction belonged to them, or to their cosigners, not to Meyer.

"Dave Meyer had no animals at Selfridge. Fischers have no animals at Cannonball Ranch. David Meyer owns all buffalo at the ranch. We have no interest there anymore. I can attest to the fact that our buffalo are healthy," Beverly Fischer said in a text message, adding that the Rozol-related quarantine was not her business.

Ryken, the auctioneer, said he wrote only two checks after the bison auction — one to the Fischers and one to a cosigner from Colorado.

"I'm about 100 percent sure none of those animals were Meyer's," he said.

Meyer sold the Cannonball Ranch to Dakota Access Pipeline for a reported \$18 million five months after the Rozol incident. The company bought the ranch to facilitate construction of the pipeline. Hundreds and at times thousands of protesters have demonstrated against the pipeline and have occupied nearby encampments.

The EPA said responsibility for Rozol monitoring transfers with ownership. Documents show that only one 80-acre pasture was illegally laced with the Rozol on the Cannonball Ranch out of a bigger spread of about 7,000 acres. Nearly all was spread around various pastures at the former Wilder Ranch, where the dead eagles were documented.

Instead of being applied into the prairie dog burrows, the bright blue poison pellets were broadcast on the ground, according to EPA findings. Dead prairie dogs were left where they died instead of being regularly removed to protect other wildlife. Dead bison were also found as recently as August, documents said. The poison causes animals to bleed to death.

The EPA documents include an administrative order detailing the discovery of the poison, a clean-up plan and quarantine order, as well as notes from a follow-up interagency meeting in the fall. Meyer is identified as the responsible party and the agency's point of contact in the documents. The documents also note that Meyer did not have proper pesticide certification to apply the Rozol.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awaits lab results of whether the eagles definitively died of Rozol ingestion and federal charges could be brought in the matter, says agency investigator Rich Grosz.

Bald eagles are protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, with a possible \$100,000 fine and a year's imprisonment for their death.

The EPA ordered Meyer to till the Rozol into the soil and to monitor the area for dead animals. Because of concerns of human consumption of Rozol-infected meat, the order prevents Meyer from selling the adult bison until Sept. 1 and then only after consulting a veterinarian and the EPA.

(Reach Lauren Donovan at 701-220-5511 or lauren@westriv.com.)

Lauren Donovan

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